

**Composting Facility (CF) Permitting Requirements by Facility Type**

Authority: Section 9-1725, Environment Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, & Code of Maryland Regulations 26.04.11

<b>A. Composting Facilities (Tier 1 &amp; Tier 2)</b>	
<p><b>Choice #1 - General Permit</b></p> <p>Submit to MDE a Notice of Intent (NOI) Form.</p> <p>Submit Composting Facility Operations Plan with NOI per COMAR 26.04.11.09.</p> <p>Design and construct the facility in accordance with the requirements in COMAR 26.04.11.08, as applicable to the facility's tier.</p> <p><b>Permit Conditions</b> Standard, no variance allowed.</p> <p><b>Public Participation - Not Required</b></p>	<p><b>Choice #2 - Individual Permit</b></p> <p>Submit to MDE 10 copies of the Individual Permit Application Form and the supporting materials.</p> <p>Submit Composting Facility Operations Plan with the application per COMAR 26.04.11.09.</p> <p>Submit site design details with the application in accordance with the requirements in COMAR 26.04.11.08, as applicable to the facility's tier.</p> <p><b>Permit Conditions</b> Facility specific</p> <p><b>Public Participation - Not Required</b> Notice of application receipt will be published on MDE's Website, with a 30-day comment period. Permit Issuance Notice will be published on MDE's Website.</p>
<b>B. Composting at NWW Facilities (Tier 1 &amp; Tier 2)</b>	
<p><b>Choice #1 - General Permit</b></p> <p>Same as in A. Choice #1 Unless Composting <b>Only</b> NWW under a Natural Wood Waste Recycling Facility Permit</p> <p><b>Permit Conditions</b> Standard, no variance allowed</p> <p><b>Public Participation</b> Same as in A. Choice #1</p>	<p><b>Choice #2 - Individual Permit</b></p> <p>Same as in A. Choice #2 Unless Composting <b>Only</b> NWW under a Natural Wood Waste Recycling Facility Permit</p> <p><b>Permit Conditions</b> Facility specific</p> <p><b>Public Participation</b> Same as in A. Choice #2</p>

<b>C. Composting at Solid Waste Acceptance Facilities (Tier 1 &amp; Tier 2)</b>		
<p><b>Choice #1 - General Permit</b></p> <p>Same as in A. Choice #1</p> <p><b>Permit Conditions</b> Standard, no variance allowed</p> <p><b>Public Participation</b> Same as in A. Choice #1</p>	<p><b>Choice #2 - Individual Permit</b></p> <p>Same as in A. Choice #2</p> <p><b>Permit Conditions</b> Facility specific</p> <p><b>Public Participation</b> Same as in A. Choice #2</p>	<p><b>Choice #3 - Modification to Refuse Disposal (RD) Permit</b></p> <p>Submit a letter requesting modification to the facility's RD Permit, with the following:</p> <p>Drawings of on-site buildings and other composting facility structures, including any pads and contact water or storm water containment systems, showing the type of construction, layout, and dimensions.</p> <p>Drawings showing feedstock receipt and storage, compost storage, equipment storage, curing, and active composting areas.</p> <p>Site design details in accordance with COMAR 26.04.11.08, as applicable to the facility's tier.</p> <p>Composting Facility Operations Plan in accordance with COMAR 26.04.11.09.</p> <p><b>RD Permit Modification Conditions</b> Facility specific</p> <p><b>Public Participation - Not Required</b></p>

Questions ?? - Call Tariq Masood at 410-537-3326

**Note:**

- MDE requires that all permitted composting facilities be included in the County's Solid Waste Management Plan. However, this requirement is not a prerequisite for MDE issuing a CF Permit or a modification to the RD Permit.
- Notice of Intent (NOI) Application for General Permit and the Individual Composting Facility Permit Application are available at MDE's website: [www.mde.maryland.gov/composting](http://www.mde.maryland.gov/composting)

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